

LB 197 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 197.

SENATOR HALL: LB 197 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, let's go to the next bill, it will be the last one for this morning on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 352, introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kristensen, to open on LB 352.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is a bill that did come through the Judiciary Committee without any amendments. Currently in law there is Section 28-914 which makes it illegal for anyone to loiter about a jail. Unfortunately, through definitions, a prison, the penitentiary or the correctional complexes of the State of Nebraska are not included in the definition of a jail. What this does is keeps the same offense, you don't change the penalties, you don't change the elements of it, you just merely change the definition from jail to penal institution, and then they define penal institution as jail, prison, penitentiary, house of correction or other place of penal detention, doesn't change the crime, just includes what we've always thought they could do. And the reason you don't want to loiter around the penitentiary is people who pass contraband through the fence, or toss tennis balls or softballs over the fence, they stand around and loiter around and they throw contraband in and have contact through the fence. This allows you not to do that and gives them some enforcement for people who loiter about the outer gates and the fences. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. You've heard the opening on the bill. Senator Maurstad, on the bill.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen, answer a question for me, please.